



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Ranking Member, Select Committee on Energy
Independence and Global Warming
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sensenbrenner:

Thank you for your September 24, 2009, letter regarding the white paper "the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) response to the report 'Study of the Effects on the Employment of Public Aid to Renewable Energy Sources' from King Juan Carlos University (Spain)." I apologize for the delayed response.

NREL has on-going funding from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) to assess emerging renewable energy issues and monitor scientific studies in order to develop internal or external resource documents. These assessments can be used to offer a retort to assertions that are counter to existing analysis or they can reinforce the results of previous studies. NREL prepares these analyses either at the request of DOE/EERE or on its own initiative. In recent years, NREL has developed materials in response to various technology studies. These materials are not always published but are used to inform DOE/EERE positions in panels and other public events. In this particular case, NREL felt compelled to post the response to the 'Study of the Effects on the Employment of Public Aid to Renewable Energy Sources' due to the high media interest in green jobs creation.

If you need further information, please contact me or Ms. Martha Oliver, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-2229.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Zoi", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Cathy Zoi
Assistant Secretary
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman, Select Committee on Energy
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